

THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

MICK PORTER, Mayor
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ALDERMEN

Diann Denton	Richard Kupferer
Bonnie Straley	David Cook
Nova Metz	Mark Lesyna
Charles Steele	Steve Puglise

MOMENCE CITY COUNCIL

Monday, May 7, 2012

Council Meeting

Time: 7:30 P.M.

The City Council Meeting of the City of Momence was held in the Council Chambers at 123 W. River Street, Momence. Mayor Mick Porter called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called by the Clerk with Aldermen Denton, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise present. Also present was Mayor Mick Porter. Alderman Straley was absent.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Metz made a motion to approve the Regular and Executive Session minutes of the April 16, 2012, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook and Lesyna voting yes. Alderman Denton and Puglise passed. Alderman Straley was absent

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Alderman Lesyna stated that the bills were reviewed at tonight's Budget and Finance Committee Meeting and made a motion to approve the bills for payment. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

CITIZEN FORUM

Ted Workman, manager of Red Cedar Lanes bowling alley, approached Council regarding building a beer garden for entertainment, beach volleyball, horseshoe pit and TIKI bar. Bringing business to Momence, trying to keep noise down but still have outdoor entertainment, music to face towards river. Mayor Porter stated that there is an Ordinance passed in 2001 stating City approval is needed. Right now their requests for outside bands are for once a month. Request for permission for outdoor entertainment, June 2, July 6 and August 4 with approval from City Council. These events are monthly and re-occurring events, not one time events like Gladiolus Festival. Events planned so far are 1 man events. Future events might have a full band. They are 70% done with outside garden. He has not talked to residents himself but has been informed by a few that the outside beer garden with band would be OK. Chief Swanson stated that everything seems to be addressed and that 50 feet ordinance is stricter than state laws. Possibly be more flexible with time. Trying to make the bowling alley more family oriented bringing bowling for kids during the summer. Entertainment "planned" so far are: June 2: (Saturday) 5-9 P.M., July 6: (Friday) 9-1A.M., August 4: (Saturday) 9-1 A.M. Alderman Steele suggested approving first date and holding the last two until we see how it goes. Acoustic planned for all

three events. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve the first two requests of June 2 and July 6. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Steele questioned why the writing of legal descriptions cost the City \$6,000. He stated that all legal descriptions are available. Mayor Porter stated that the cost was for legal description of entire group of properties as a whole. Mayor Porter stated that Council can talk to Mr. VanMill about costs at the May 21 Public Hearing.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Cook called a Local Improvement Meeting for May 21, at 6:30P.M. to discuss Railroad property and a Production Company presentation regarding their desire to present "CHICAGO" in downtown Mومence.

Alderman Lesyna called a Budget and Finance Committee meeting for Alderman Straley for Monday, May 21, at 7:15P.M. to go over budgets and bills. An Ordinance Committee meeting will be scheduled at another date.

Alderman Lesyna then presented for first reading for Part-Time Police officers: Alderman Lesyna read a portion of the ordinance regarding training and standards board and stated that an ordinance must be on file for compliance. Alderman Lesyna also presented for first reading Golf Cart Registration (regulations), changing registration from January to May to be more realistic with golf cart season. First reading of State of Illinois on line gambling ordinance was presented. Attorney stated that this ordinance needs to be created stating that the code the City has now will stay in effect until the state grants authority for video gaming terminals. What the City has on file will stay in effect and once online video gaming starts, this new ordinance will take care of video gaming terminals. Ordinance is necessary.

Alderman Puglise stated that 9 months ago the City changed their electric carrier from Com Ed to Blue Star Energy. Blue Star was purchased from American Electric Power and is now offering the City to renew the contract at 4.5 cents per K/W instead of the 6 cents per K/W. It was decided to have American Electric Power present on Monday, May 21, possibly resetting current contract.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chief Swanson mentioned that the Police Department is working with the Department of Correction Staff and Public Works to help out with light property issues once a week (river cleanup etc.). He also inquired about people being under the age of 21 and serving alcohol. State Law does state that people under 21 can serve or sell liquor.

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer Becky Peterson: Status of the 2010-2011 Audit. Talked to auditors and they are in review process of audit. Should have preliminary report to Council by May 18. Interest due on bond issue June 1st and amount is \$11,755. State income, sales tax, etc presented for review. Mayor Porter clarified that the interest payment is MFT funding to meet the interest due on the bond issue. Alderman Lesyna questioned timeliness on audit, as well as communication problems between the auditor and accountants. When the preliminary report is sent by the auditors, unsure if they will be here to explain. Concerns were raised regarding auditor's job to complete the audit in a timely fashion, the lack of followup being done to finish the audit, and the lack of communication issue with auditors and accountants. City has a three year contract with the auditors. Auditors have filed for extensions.

MAYORAL REPORT

Tourism Tax agreement. A two year intergovernmental agreement was discussed with a 4% lodging tax, Kankakee County applies it to hotels and bed and breakfasts. Tax flows from County directly to Kankakee County Convention and Visitors Bureau. Alderman Denton made a motion to authorize Mayor Porter to sign intergovernmental 2 year agreement for promotion of tourism allowing Kankakee County to impose 4% lodging tax with all monies going to Kankakee County Convention Visitors Bureau. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Re-affirm Mayoral appointments. Chief Swanson not included because of agreement that runs through August. Reappoint Jeanie Blanchette as City Collector, Mark Nelson as Superintendent of Water and Sewer, Jerry Snapp as Superintendent of Streets and Alleys, Scott Behrends as Superintendent of Public Works Department, Lisa Wogan as the Representative to the Kankakee County Convention & Visitors Bureau, and Bob Bleyle as the Representative to the Annual Christmas Dinner Board. For the Appointment of City Attorney: Mr. Stewart Diamond of Ancil Glink and reappoint Attorney Michael Parish assigned to special counsel, prosecution, adjudication work, and other assignments as directed by the City and the City attorney. Appointments to the Conrad Park Board: Elsie Moore, Kay Laue, Becky Peterson, David Cook, Ron Hess and Betty Dionne; Historical House Board: Margaret Clifton, Nancy Vickery and Lorraine McNulty; City Tree Board: David Cook, Linda Lund, Rich Laue, Fran LeBeau and Janine Loftus; Plan and Zone Commission: Steve Lund: Chairman, Marty Mattocks, Linda Krause: Clerk, Brian Schnepf, Jim Vickery, Steve Loftus, Janice Martin, Alderwoman Nova Metz and Mayor Porter; Zoning Board of Appeals: Steve Lund: Chairman, Ann Dionne, Linda Krause, Shannon Demack, Brian Schnepf, Steve Loftus, Alderwoman Diann Denton and Mayor Porter; Building, Plumbing and Electrical inspector to remain the same along with all chairs and committees on City Council.

Alderman Metz made a motion to approve the appointments as mentioned above. Alderman Denton seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - none

Alderman Metz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Denton seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk